United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service Poultry Market News





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Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was fair to instances fairly good, best where promotions were in progress. Breast items and wings were adequate to available. Dark meat items were more than sufficient. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

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Percentage of

Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: Feb. 07, 2004 FOOD SERVICE/

	FAST FOOD	<u>RETAIL</u>	<u>DEBONING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 - 5.25	5.26 & Up	
Total (000)	26,379	27,539	42,299	96,217
Percentage	27%	29%	44%	100%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

Live Weights	RTC WOG Weights	(000)	Total Slaughter
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.		
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. – 2 lbs., 10 oz.		
3.81 - 4.00 lbs	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	NOT A	AVAILABLE
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz 2 lbs., 14 oz.l		

No. of Head

BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Place 7 Weeks Previous	ed F	relim. Fed. In Million head Slaughtered	1
	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%**
Dec 20	206,340	103	170,156	103	196,586	102	160,248	103	154,431	101
Dec 27	205,370	102	167,849	103	187,654	101	153,838	101	113,075	73
Jan 03	206,254	101	167,988	102	190,111	105	155,730	105	134,816	119
Jan 10	206,536	101	166,997	103	192,300	101	156,694	101	158,835	118
Jan 17	207,059	102	166,475	102	201,007	102	164,411	102	157,478	99
Jan 24	205,000	100	165,359	100	205,388	103	167,623	104	147,528	94
Jan 31	204,704	100	168,331	101	204,156	102	166,730	102	150,873	102
Feb 07	206,646	102	168,779	102	208,746	103	170,504	103	153,788	102
Feb 14	207,625	103	166,259	100	204,376	102	168,328	104	152,505	99

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
Week of 02/23/04				
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	76-78	76.36	76.36	56.57
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	69-72	72.28	72.45	55.32
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	77	77.47	77.62	66.50
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		75.09	74.51	60.38
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock	72.00)	71.34	71.12	62.05
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day A	Avg.	69.08	68.96	46.59

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast	Southern States	Georgia
Weekly Weighted Average	(Delivered)	(FOB)	(FOB)
	02/20/04	02/20/04	02/23/04
Breast – B/S	184.88	189.54	192.50
Tenderloins	179.79	197.67	218.00 (Line run)
Breast – Line Run	98.05	98.38	99.50 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	39.50	36.94	39.50
Wings	122.60	121.40	121.50